



Strive for gold at Wildlife Olympics

Test your skills and compare your abilities with those of animals in Yellowstone. How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell? Take part in the Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics on scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays between noon and 3 pm. Stay for as little or as long as plans allow.

Mammoth Hot Springs (All 12-3 pm)
Across from Albright Visitor Center
Tue • June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17
Thu • June 14, July 12, July 26, Aug 2, Aug 9

Canyon Village (All 12-3 pm)
Near Canyon Visitor Education Center
Tue • June 26
Thu • June 7, June 21

Old Faithful (All 12-3 pm)
Near Old Faithful Visitor Education Center
Tue • June 12, July 10, July 24, July 31, Aug 7
Thu • June 28, July 5, July 19



Stay on designated trails and boardwalks.

Ground in hydrothermal areas is fragile and thin, and there is scalding water just below. Visitors have fallen through and died here. Keep your children close at hand.



Keep your distance. You must stay at least 100 yards

(91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.



As you enjoy trails, be bear aware. You are

safer hiking with groups. Make yourself heard in areas where you can't see far around you. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.



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Teachers can bring a group to Yellowstone (with at least three weeks prior notice), have a ranger visit a school in the area, or schedule a video conference with students anywhere. Details at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers

Stars Over Yellowstone

Weather permitting, enjoy programs about astronomy offered in cooperation with the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, MT. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view celestial objects through telescopes.

Night Sky Observing

Between the Madison Campground and Amphitheater

Fridays-Saturdays • June 22-23, July 20-21, Aug 17-18, all 10:30 pm

Find the Milky Way, Jupiter, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Bring a flashlight.

Safe Solar Observing

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center area

Saturdays • June 23, July 21, Aug 18, all 2-5 pm

Safely view the sun through telescopes. Great for whole family.

Evening programs about astronomy, Madison Campground amphitheater

Fri June 22, 9:30 pm • Cosmic Update (Dr. Jim Manning)

Learn what's up, what's new, and what's hot in the big wide universe and exploration of it.

Sat June 23, 9:30 pm • Did Mars Start Out like

Yellowstone? (Dr. Jim Manning) Have a look at our search for life elsewhere, and how Mars may have started out like Yellowstone as a possible source of life.

Fri July 20, 9:30 pm • One Star, Two Star, Red Star,

Blue Star: An Exploration of How Astronomers Classify Different Stars (Michelle B. Larson) What comes to mind when we think "star?" We will explore a variety of stars, including a brand new type discovered in the past year.

Sat July 21, 9:30 pm • From the Big Bang to Old Faithful: The Cosmic Biography of Atoms

(Shane L. Larson) But where did all the atoms we see around us come from? The answer is intimately tied to the lives of

the stars. We can trace the lives of the stars through what can easily be seen with small telescopes and binoculars, and will navigate our way through the night sky.

Fri Aug 17, 9 pm • The Sun-Earth Connection

(Ginny Price and Matthew Wenger) The Sun and the Earth are intimately linked. Discover what scientists have learned about how changes on the Sun trigger events on Earth and how this impacts human exploration of space.

Sat Aug 18, 9 pm • Roadside Geology of the Solar

System (Ginny Price and Matthew Wenger) We can learn about how the Earth formed and the forces that change the face of the Earth today by studying the planets of our solar system. Compare what we see on Earth to the volcanoes on Venus and Mars and the active moons of Jupiter and Saturn in Roadside Geology of the Solar System.

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Canyon Village

Ranger program descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lupine Loop Walk • (June 24 to Sep 30) Walk along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forest, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area, while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this moderate walk of approximately 3 miles. 2½ hours	9 am 6/24–9/30	9 am 6/25–9/24	9 am 6/26–9/25	9 am 6/27–9/26	9 am 6/28–9/27	9 am 6/29–9/28	9 am 6/30–9/29
Walking the Edge • (May 27 to Sep 30) Enjoy learning about the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking along the South Rim Trail with a ranger. Gain stunning views of the Yellowstone River, Upper and Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. 1½ hours	9 am 5/27–6/17	9 am 5/28–6/18	9 am 5/29–6/19	9 am 5/30–6/20	9 am 5/31–6/21	9 am 6/1–6/22	9 am 6/2–6/23
	3 pm 5/27–9/30	3 pm 5/28–9/24	3 pm 5/29–9/25	3 pm 5/30–9/26	3 pm 5/31–9/27	3 pm 6/1–9/28	3 pm 6/2–9/29
Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (May 27 to Sep 30) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center .  Accessible. 20 minutes	9 am 2 pm 5/27–9/30	9 am 2 pm 5/28–9/24	9 am 2 pm 5/29–9/25	9 am 2 pm 5/30–9/26	9 am 2 pm 5/31–9/27	9 am 2 pm 6/1–9/28	9 am 2 pm 6/2–9/29
Yellowstone Canyon Talk • (May 27 to Sep 30) From a classic viewpoint, enjoy the Lower Falls, Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join a park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk.  Accessible 20 minutes	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 5/27–9/30	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 5/28–9/24	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 5/29–9/25	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 5/30–9/26	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 5/31–9/27	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 6/1–9/28	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 6/2–9/29
Yellowstone for the Young • (June 3 to Aug 18) Hey, kids! Discover the wonderful geology, history, or wildlife of Yellowstone. Join a ranger for an interactive program geared for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5-12). Meet a ranger in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center .  Accessible 20-30 minutes	3 pm 6/3–8/12	3 pm 6/4–8/13	3 pm 6/5–8/14	3 pm 6/6–8/15	3 pm 6/7–8/16	3 pm 6/8–8/17	3 pm 6/9–8/18
Call of the Wild • (June 3 to Sep 3) Both before and since Yellowstone was established as a National Park in 1872, people have been drawn to and inspired by this area. The human history of Yellowstone is filled with many fascinating and interesting stories. Join a ranger for an engaging talk about the people of Wonderland. Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center .  Accessible, 45 minutes	6 pm 6/3–9/2	6 pm 6/4–9/3	6 pm 6/5–8/28	6 pm 6/6–8/29	6 pm 6/7–8/30	6 pm 6/8–8/31	6 pm 6/9–9/1
Canyon Evening Program • (June 3 to Sept 30) Join a park ranger for an illustrated program and learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Canyon Visitor Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Canyon Campground Amphitheater . (Beginning Sept. 7, meet at the Canyon Visitor Education Center .)  Accessible, 45 minutes	9:30 pm 6/3–7/22 9 pm 7/29–9/2 7:30 pm 9/9–9/30	9:30 pm 6/4–7/23 9 pm 7/30–9/3	9:30 pm 6/5–7/24 9 pm 7/31–8/28	9:30 pm 6/6–7/25 9 pm 8/1–8/29	9:30 pm 6/7–7/26 9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/8–7/27 9 pm 8/3–8/31 7:30 pm 9/7–9/28	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28 9 pm 8/4–9/1 7:30 pm 9/8–9/29

Canyon Visitor Education Center

5/12–5/25 9 am–5 pm
5/26–9/3 8 am–8 pm
9/4–9/30 8 am–6 pm
10/1–10/14 9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-2550



Call 307 344-2251 three weeks ahead to arrange for a sign language interpreter at any ranger program listed in these pages.



Look for this symbol in descriptions for programs that are wheelchair accessible. A free printed guide is available at visitor centers and the park website.

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village

Ranger program descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (May 23 to Sep 3) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center . Accessible. 20 minutes	9 am 2:45 pm 5/27–9/2	9 am 2:45 pm 5/28–9/3	9 am 2:45 pm 5/29–8/27	9 am 2:45 pm 5/23–8/29	9 am 2:45 pm 5/24–8/30	9 am 2:45 pm 5/25–8/31	9 am 2:45 pm 5/26–9/1
Lake Scenic Cruise • (June 15 to Sep 3) Join a park ranger on a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel & Village, and surrounding lodge pole pine forest. Reservations required in advance through Xanterra Parks and Resorts. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina (\$15 plus tax for adults, \$10 plus tax for kids ages 3-11, free for kids under 3 Accessible. 1 hour	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/17–9/2	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/18–9/3	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/19–8/27	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/20–8/29	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/21–8/30	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/15–8/31	9:15 am 10:45 am 1:15 pm 6/16–9/1
Storm Point Saunter • (June 3 to Sep 3) Wander along the ever-changing lakeshore and through a diversity of landscapes including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and an ancient forest of spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at Indian Pond and the Storm Point trailhead , 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3 mile hike. 2 hours	10 am 6/3–9/2	10 am 6/4–9/3	10 am 6/5–8/27	10 am 6/6–8/29	10 am 6/7–8/30	10 am 6/8–8/31	10 am 6/9–9/1
Featured Creature • (May 23 to Aug 11) Enthralling and diverse wild animals, found few other places in North America, nor in such profusion, are revealed in Yellowstone. Unveil the story of one of them. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center . Accessible. 30 minutes	2 pm 5/27–8/5	2 pm 5/28–8/6	2 pm 5/29–8/7	2 pm 5/23–8/8	2 pm 5/24–8/9	2 pm 5/25–8/10	2 pm 5/26–8/11
Mud Volcano Ramble • (May 23 to Sep 3) “The greatest marvel we have yet met with,” declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking area . 1½ hours	4 pm 5/27–9/2	4 pm 5/28–9/3	4 pm 5/29–8/27	4 pm 5/23–8/29	4 pm 5/24–8/30	4 pm 5/25–8/31	4 pm 5/26–9/1
River Reflections • (May 23 to Aug 11) From a picturesque spot along the Yellowstone River, explore Fishing Bridge area history and one of the most important cogs in the motor of the Yellowstone ecosystem: the rare, mysterious, wily, polka-dotted and beautiful cutthroat trout. Meet on the west side of the Fishing Bridge . 20 minutes	5 pm 5/27–8/5	5 pm 5/28–8/6	5 pm 5/29–8/7	5 pm 5/23–8/8	5 pm 5/24–8/8	5 pm 5/25–8/10	5 pm 5/26–8/11
Family Program • (June 3 to Aug 11) Program especially for families with young children. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater . Accessible. 30 minutes	6 pm 6/3–8/5	6 pm 6/4–8/6	6 pm 6/5–8/7	6 pm 6/6–8/8	6 pm 6/7–8/9	6 pm 6/8–8/10	6 pm 6/9–8/11
Fishing Bridge Evening Program • (June 3 to Sep 3) Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center Amphitheater . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes	9:30 pm 6/3–7/22 9 pm 7/29–9/2	9:30 pm 6/4–7/23 9 pm 7/30–9/3	9:30 pm 6/5–7/24 9 pm 7/31–8/28	9:30 pm 6/6–7/25 9 pm 8/1–8/29	9:30 pm 6/7–7/26 9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/8–7/27 9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28 9 pm 8/4–9/1
Bridge Bay Evening Program • (June 3 to Sep 3) Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes	9:30 pm 6/3–7/22 9 pm 7/29–9/2	9:30 pm 6/4–7/23 9 pm 7/30–9/3	9:30 pm 6/5–7/24 9 pm 7/31–8/28	9:30 pm 6/6–7/25 9 pm 8/1–8/29	9:30 pm 6/7–7/26 9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/8–7/27 9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28 9 pm 8/4–9/1

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center
5/23–9/30 8 am–7 pm
Call 307 344-2450

Grant Village and West Thumb

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Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (May 27 to Sep 3) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet in front of the Grant Village Visitor Center . Accessible. 20 minutes	9 am 4:30 pm 5/27–9/2	9 am 4:30 pm 5/28–9/3	9 am 4:30 pm 5/29–8/28	9 am 4:30 pm 5/30–8/29	9 am 4:30 pm 5/31–8/30	9 am 4:30 pm 6/1–8/31	9 am 4:30 pm 6/2–9/1
Scenic Lake Overlook • (June 17 to Sep 3) Ascend through meadows, forests and past thermal features to reach a picturesque view of Yellowstone Lake surrounded by the Absaroka Mountains. Meet at the Lake Overlook Trailhead in West Thumb Geyser Basin parking lot. Moderate 2-miles. 2 hours	9:30 am 6/17–9/2	9:30 am 6/18–9/3	9:30 am 6/19–8/28	9:30 am 6/20–8/29	9:30 am 6/21–8/30	9:30 am 6/22–8/31	9:30 am 6/23–9/1
Hot Water Wilderness • (June 3 to Sep 3) Take a stroll along the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake while exploring the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb’s dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the West Thumb Information Station . Roundtrip distance is ¾ mile. Easy. Accessible with assistance 1-½ hours	10:30 am 4 pm 6/3–9/2	10:30 am 4 pm 6/4–9/3	10:30 am 4 pm 6/5–8/28	10:30 am 4 pm 6/6–8/29	10:30 am 4 pm 6/7–8/30	10:30 am 4 pm 6/8–8/31	10:30 am 4 pm 6/9–9/1
Junior Ranger Discovery Program • (June 17 to Aug 18) Get ready to investigate and discover the many curiosities of Yellowstone during this interactive program specifically for Junior Rangers. Meet at the Grant Village Pavilion behind the Visitor Center along the edge of the Lake. Accessible. 30 minutes.	11:30 am 6/17–8/12	11:30 am 6/18–8/13	11:30 am 6/19–8/14	11:30 am 6/20–8/15	11:30 am 6/21–8/16	11:30 am 6/22–8/17	11:30 am 6/23–8/18
Looking into the Abyss • (May 27 to Sep 3) Stare deep into beautiful Abyss Hot Spring and let a park ranger share with you its secrets. Meet at Abyss Hot Spring located in the West Thumb Geyser Basin, ¼ mile from the start of the boardwalk. Easy. Accessible with assistance. 10 minutes	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/27–9/2	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/28–9/3	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/29–8/28	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/30–8/29	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/31–8/30	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/1–8/31	1 pm 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/2–9/1
Wildlife Wonders • (May 27 to Sep 3) Are you wondering about the best wildlife viewing areas or perhaps how Yellowstone’s fauna have persisted through time? Then relax in the shade as a ranger reveals the secrets of Yellowstone’s wildlife. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center . Accessible. 25 minutes.	2:30 pm 5/27–9/2	2:30 pm 5/28–9/3	2:30 pm 5/29–8/28	2:30 pm 5/30–8/29	2:30 pm 5/31–8/30	2:30 pm 6/1–8/31	2:30 pm 6/2–9/1
Lakeside Legends • (June 3 to Sep 3) Yellowstone’s past is filled with rich and vivid stories of American Indians, early explorers, and the first park rangers. Dive into the past and listen to a ranger recount the tales of Early Yellowstone. Meet at the Grant Village Pavilion , located behind the Visitor Center along the edge of the Lake. Accessible. 30 minutes	3:30 pm 6/3–9/2	3:30 pm 6/4–9/3	3:30 pm 6/5–8/28	3:30 pm 6/6–8/29	3:30 pm 6/7–8/30	3:30 pm 6/8–8/30	3:30 pm 6/9–9/1
Ranger Rendezvous • (May 27 to Aug 18) This early evening program is designed for the young and young at heart. Learn more about Yellowstone’s diverse geology, history, or wildlife riches. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Visitor Center . Accessible. 30 minutes	7:30 pm 5/27–8/12	7:30 pm 5/28–8/13	7:30 pm 5/29–8/14	7:30 pm 5/30–8/15	7:30 pm 5/31–8/16	7:30 pm 6/1–8/17	7:30 pm 6/2–8/18
Grant Village Evening Program • (June 17 to Sep 3) Join a park ranger for this illustrated presentation focusing on Yellowstone’s natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant Village Amphitheater . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes	9:30 pm 6/17–7/22 9 pm 7/29–9/2	9:30 pm 6/18–7/23 9 pm 7/30–9/3	9:30 pm 6/19–7/24 9 pm 7/31–8/28	9:30 pm 6/20–7/25 9 pm 8/1–8/29	9:30 pm 6/21–7/26 9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/22–7/27 9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/23–7/28 9 pm 8/4–9/1

Grant Visitor Center
5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm
Call 307-344-2650

Madison Information Station
5/23–9/30 9 am–6 pm
Call 307 344-2876

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center Located in Chamber of Commerce building
10/1–4/30 weekdays 8 am–5 pm
Daily thereafter
5/1–5/25 8 am–6 pm
5/26–9/2 8 am–8 pm
9/3–9/30 8 am–6 pm

NPS Desk
4/20–5/24 8 am–4 pm
5/25–9/3 8 am–8 pm
9/4–11/4 8 am–4 pm
Call 307 344-2876

West Thumb Information Station
5/26–9/30 9 am–5 pm
Bookstore 10 am-6 pm
Call 307 344-2650

Junior Ranger Station
5/26–9/3 9 am–6 pm

Madison

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Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (May 23 to Sep 3) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wild-life in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet at the Madison Junior Ranger Station . Accessible. 20 minutes	9 am 3 pm 5/27–9/2	9 am 3 pm 5/28–9/3	9 am 3 pm 5/29–8/27	9 am 3 pm 5/23–8/29	9 am 3 pm 5/24–8/30	9 am 3 pm 5/25–8/31	9 am 3 pm 5/26–9/1
Junior Ranger Station Activities • (May 23 to Sep 3) Hey kids! Join a park ranger to learn about Yellowstone's wonderful wildlife, geysers, history and much more. This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5-12). Meet at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison Junction. Accessible with assistance. 30 minutes	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/27–9/2	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/28–9/3	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/29–8/27	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/23–8/29	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/24–8/30	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/25–8/31	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/26–9/1
Harlequin Lake Walk • (June 11 to Aug 20) Join a park ranger for a mod-erately easy 1-1/2 mile round trip hike to a beautiful and secluded home for waterfowl and beaver. Meet at the third pullout , 1.5 miles west of Madison Junction on the west entrance road, opposite the Harlequin Lake Trailhead. Bring water, raingear, good hiking shoes and a snack. 2 hours.		10 am 6/11–8/20					
Madison Evening Program • (May 27 to Sep 3) Each night a park rang-er will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater . Accessible. 45 minutes	9:30 pm 5/27–7/22 9 pm 7/29–9/2	9:30 pm 5/28–7/23 9 pm 7/30–9/3	9:30 pm 5/29–7/24 9 pm 7/31–8/28	9:30 pm 5/30–7/25 9 pm 8/1–8/29	9:30 pm 5/31–7/26 9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/1–7/27 9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/2–7/28 9 pm 8/4–9/1

West Yellowstone

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Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (May 23 to Sep 3) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wild-life in these hands-on demonstrations. West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St.) Accessible. 20 minutes	9 am 3: 30 pm 5/27–9/2	9 am 3: 30 pm 5/28–9/3	9 am 3: 30 pm 5/29–8/27	9 am 3: 30 pm 5/23–8/29	9 am 3: 30 pm 5/24–8/30	9 am 3: 30 pm 5/25–8/31	9 am 3: 30 pm 5/26–9/1
Explore Yellowstone • (May 23 to Sep 3) Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St.) for a talk about what to see and do. Accessible. 20–30 minutes	9:30 am 5/27–9/2	9:30 am 5/28–9/3	9:30 am 5/29–8/27	9:30 am 5/23–8/29	9:30 am 5/24–8/30	9:30 am 5/25–8/31	9:30 am 5/26–9/1
Afternoon Talk • (May 27 to Sep 3) Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. The Yellowstone Historic Center Museum is located at the corner of Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon St. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Yellowstone Historic Center or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. Accessible. 30 minutes	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/27–9/2 2 pm Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 5/27–9/2	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/28–9/3 2 pm Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 5/28–9/3	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/29–8/28 2 pm Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 5/29–8/28	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/30–8/29 2 pm Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 5/30–8/29	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 5/31–8/30 2 pm Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 5/31–8/30	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 6/1–8/31 2 pm Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 6/1–8/31	1 pm Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 6/2–89/1 2 pm Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 6/2–9/1
Evening Program • (June 5 to Aug 31) Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Location: West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St.) Accessible. 45 minutes			7 pm 6/5–8/28		7 pm 6/7–8/30	7 pm 6/8–8/31	

Mammoth Hot Springs

Ranger program descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Discovery Hike • (June 17 to Aug 17) Experience the wilder side of the park as you hike through open sagebrush and Douglas fir forest to the foot of Wraith Falls on Lupine Creek. This is an easy 1 mile ranger-led hike. Meet at Wraith Falls trailhead , 5 miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs. 1 to 1-½ hours	8:30 am 6/17–8/12					8:30 am 6/22–8/17	
Hot Springs Terraces Walk • (June 3 to Sep 3) Explore Yellowstone’s powerful geologic past and present while meandering around Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces. Learn how these dynamic travertine formations are unique among park thermal features. Route climbs stairs. May be strenuous for some. Meet at Opal Terrace across from Liberty Cap rock formation. 1-½ hours	9 am 6/3–9/2	9 am 6/4–9/3	9 am 6/5–8/28	9 am 6/6–8/29	9 am 6/7–8/30	9 am 6/8–8/31	9 am 6/9–9/1
Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (June 3 to Sep 3) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet in front of the Albright Visitor Center , or in the theater if it’s raining. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes	9 am 4 pm 6/3–9/2	9 am 4 pm 6/4–9/3	9 am 4 pm 6/5–8/28	9 am 4 pm 6/6–8/29	9 am 4 pm 6/7–8/30	9 am 4 pm 6/8–8/31	9 am 4 pm 6/9–9/1
Wonders of Yellowstone • (June 3 to Sep 30) Yellowstone is full of wonders such as amazing geology, wildlife, history, and beauty. Join us as a ranger shares insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center , theater if raining. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes	3 pm 6/3–9/30	3 pm 6/4–9/24	3 pm 6/5–9/25	3 pm 6/6–9/26	3 pm 6/7–9/27	3 pm 6/8–9/28	3 pm 5/26–9/29
Tales of the Travertine • (May 27 to Sep 30) The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone’s most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how powerful earth forces constantly create and change these formations, and whether or not they really are “drying up”. Meet at the end of the Palette Spring boardwalk , just up from the Liberty Cap rock formation. ♿ Accessible. 15 minutes	11 am 1 pm 5/27–9/30 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/27–9/2	11 am 1 pm 5/28–9/24 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/28–9/3	11 am 1 pm 5/29–9/25 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/29–8/28	11 am 1 pm 5/30–9/26 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/30–8/29	11 am 1 pm 5/31–9/27 1:30 pm 2 pm 5/31–8/30	11 am 1 pm 6/1–9/28 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/1–8/31	11 am 1 pm 6/2–9/29 1:30 pm 2 pm 6/2–9/1
Calling in the Cavalry Walk • (June 10 to Sep 3) In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Army. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the military played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center . ♿ Accessible. 1 hour	6 pm 6/10–9/2	6 pm 6/11–9/3	6 pm 6/12–8/28	6 pm 6/13–8/29	6 pm 6/14–8/30	6 pm 6/15–8/31	6 pm 6/16–9/1
Mammoth Evening Program • (June 7 to Sep 3) Enjoy an illustrated program about Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at visitor centers for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Mammoth Campground Amphitheater . ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes	9:30 pm 6/10–7/22 9 pm 7/29–9/2	9:30 pm 6/11–7/23 9 pm 7/30–9/3	9:30 pm 6/12–7/24 9 pm 7/31–8/28	9:30 pm 6/13–7/25 9 pm 8/1–8/29	9:30 pm 6/7–7/26 9 pm 8/2–8/30	9:30 pm 6/8–7/27 9 pm 8/3–8/31	9:30 pm 6/9–7/28 9 pm 8/4–9/1



Albright Visitor Center
10/1–5/25 9 am–5 pm
5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm
Call 307 344-2263

Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station
5/23–9/30 9 am–6 pm
Bookstore 10 am-6 pm
Call 307 344-2812

Youth Conservation Corps • Since 1984, Yellowstone’s summer Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program has recruited young people ages 15 to 18 from all social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. Corps members work together under adult leadership to learn about environmental and conservation issues while completing projects such as trail rehabilitation and campground restoration. Young people develop job and leadership skills and explore opportunities for future NPS careers. Corps members also enjoy hiking, rafting, and field trips. For more information, visit – www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/yccjobs

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Windows Into Yellowstone • (May 27 to Sep 30) Experience the muddy caldrons, acid geysers and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin. Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park’s geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . Bring water, sunglasses and sunscreen. 1–1/2 hours	9:30 am 5/27–9/30	9:30 am 5/28–9/24	9:30 am 5/29–9/25	9:30 am 5/30–9/26	9:30 am 5/31–9/27	9:30 am 6/1–9/28	9:30 am 6/2–9/29
Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (May 27 to Sep 30) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet on the patio in front of the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes	10 am 5/27–9/30	10 am 5/28–9/24	10 am 5/29–9/25	10 am 5/30–9/26	10 am 5/31–9/27	10 am 6/1–9/28	10 am 6/2–9/29
World’s Tallest • (May 23 to Sep 30) Discover how geysers work at the world’s tallest active geyser. Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . Check with ranger at information desk. 20 minutes	2 pm 5/27–9/2	2 pm 5/28–9/3	2 pm 5/29–8/28	2 pm 5/23–8/29	2 pm 5/24–8/30	2 pm 5/25–8/31	2 pm 5/26–9/1
	3 pm 5/27–9/30	3 pm 5/28–9/24	3 pm 5/29–9/25	3 pm 5/23–9/26	3 pm 5/24–9/27	3 pm 5/25–9/28	3 pm 5/26–9/29
Wild Yellowstone • (May 23 to Sep 3) A park ranger will share insights into a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wild nature. Meet at Steamboat Geyser , a 15 minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with ranger at information desk. 20 minutes	2:30 pm 5/27–9/2	2:30 pm 5/28–9/3	2:30 pm 5/29–8/28	2:30 pm 5/23–8/29	2:30 pm 5/24–8/30	2:30 pm 5/25–8/31	2:30 pm 5/26–9/1
Norris Campfire Program • (June 3 to Sep 3) Bring the whole family and join a park ranger for an old-fashioned, cozy campfire talk. Inquire locally for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Norris Campground Campfire Circle . ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes	7:30 pm 6/3–9/2	7:30 pm 6/4–9/3	7:30 pm 6/5–8/28	7:30 pm 6/6–8/29	7:30 pm 6/7–8/30	7:30 pm 6/8–8/31	7:30 pm 6/9–9/1
Stars Above Yellowstone • (Sep 3 to Sep 27) Like the landscape around us, the night sky above is part of what makes Yellowstone so special. Join a park ranger to explore the pristine night sky over Yellowstone. Meet at Norris Campground entrance, near registration board and comfort station. Bring flashlight, warm clothes and binoculars (optional). ♿ Accessible, 1 hour		9 pm 9/3 8:30 pm 9/10–9/24			9 pm 9/6 8:30 pm 9/13–9/27		

Get kids outdoors for better health

Regular exercise in nature has been shown to improve children’s health. Get active in Yellowstone by hiking along park trails or boardwalks, taking a guided walk with a ranger, or participating in the Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics. Afterwards, you can pick up a "Let’s Move Outside" sticker from a park ranger at a visitor center. Take part in First Lady Michelle Obama’s campaign to end childhood obesity in a generation. Get outdoors for better health and connect with the natural world.



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Junior Ranger • Children visiting Yellowstone can participate in a free Junior Ranger program geared for ages 5 and up. Obtain a Junior Ranger activity paper at any park visitor center, complete the required activities, and then return to a visitor center to be awarded a Junior Ranger patch. Junior Rangers between the ages of 5 and 7 receive a wolf track patch and a bear track patch is awarded to ages 8 and up. To earn a patch, attend a ranger-led activity – such as a talk, guided walk, or evening campfire program – and get the ranger’s signature. While the Junior Ranger program may take up to two days to complete fully, families in Yellowstone will have fun living by the Junior Ranger motto, “Explore, Learn, and Protect.”



Young Scientist • If you are five years old or older, you can become a Yellowstone Young Scientist. Purchase a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. When you have finished the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.



Old Faithful

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Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared? • (May 23 to Sep 3) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wild-life in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet outside on the geyser side of Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for this outdoor program. Accessible. 20 minutes	9 am 2 pm 5/27–9/2	9 am 2 pm 5/28–9/3	9 am 2 pm 5/29–8/28	9 am 2 pm 5/23–8/29	9 am 2 pm 5/24–8/30	9 am 2 pm 5/25–8/31	9 am 2 pm 5/26–9/1
Geyser Hill Walk • (May 27 to Sep 3) Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world's greatest concentration of geysers. Explore this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone’s volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1-1/4 mile walk. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . 1–1/2 hours	8:30 am 5/27–9/2	8:30 am 5/28–9/3	8:30 am 5/29–8/28	8:30 am 5/30–8/29	8:30 am 5/31–8/30	8:30 am 6/1–8/31	8:30 am 6/2–9/1
Mystic Falls Walk • (June 3 to Aug 25) Explore a special part of the Yellowstone Ecosystem while enjoying this 2-1/2 mile walk through Biscuit Basin to Mystic Falls. Meet at Firehole River Bridge adjacent to Biscuit Basin parking lot, 2 miles north of Old Faithful. Moderately strenuous. 1–1/2 hours	9 am 6/3–8/19	9 am 6/4–8/20	9 am 6/5–8/21	9 am 6/6–8/22	9 am 6/7–8/23	9 am 6/8–8/24	9 am 6/9–8/25
Yellowstone for Kids! • (June 3 to Aug 25) Kids will discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this short, interactive presentation. Meet out-side on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for this outdoor program. Accessible. 20 minutes	10 am 6/3–8/19	10 am 6/4–8/20	10 am 6/5–8/21	10 am 6/6–8/22	10 am 6/7–8/23	10 am 6/8–8/24	10 am 6/9–8/25
Geysers Galore • (May 27 to Sep 3) Take a quick peek at Yellowstone’s fas-cinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Accessible. 10 minutes	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/27–9/2	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/28–9/3	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/29–8/28	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/30–8/29	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 5/31–8/30	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 6/1–8/31	Afternoon 12:15 12:45 1:15 1:45 2:15 2:45 3:15 3:45 6/2–9/1
Black Sand Walk • (June 10 to Aug 25) Discover a lesser-known gem. As you stroll through one of Yellowstone’s most striking hydrothermal areas, you’ll learn about volcanic geology and the unique history of Black Sand Basin on this half-mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot , one mile north of Old Faithful. 1 hour	1 pm 6/10–8/19	1 pm 6/11–8/20	1 pm 6/12–8/21	1 pm 6/13–8/22	1 pm 6/14–8/23	1 pm 6/15–8/24	1 pm 6/16–8/25
Stroll around Old Faithful • (June 3 to Sep 3) Take an easy ¾-mile walk with a ranger around Old Faithful Geyser. View dramatic hot springs and geysers while gaining insight into Yellowstone’s dynamic geology. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . 45 minutes	3:30 pm 6/3–9/2	3:30 pm 6/4–9/3	3:30 pm 6/5–8/28	3:30 pm 6/6–8/29	3:30 pm 6/7–8/30	3:30 pm 6/8–8/31	3:30 pm 6/9–9/1
Geyser Discovery Stroll • (May 27 to Sep 3) Learn about one of the rarest geological features on earth—geysers. Accompany a ranger through the Upper Geyser Basin exploring the world of geysers. Meet at Castle Geyser , 1/2 mile west, or about a 15 minute walk, from Old Faithful. 1–1/2 hours	5:30 pm 5/27–9/2	5:30 pm 5/28–9/3	5:30 pm 5/29–8/28	5:30 pm 5/30–8/29	5:30 pm 5/31–8/30	5:30 pm 6/1–8/31	5:30 pm 6/2–9/1
Old Faithful Evening Program • (May 27 to Sep 3) Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders will be featured during this 45-minute illus-trated program in the theater of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Program titles and descriptions are available. Accessible. 45 minutes	7 pm 5/27–9/2	7 pm 5/28–9/3	7 pm 5/29–8/28	7 pm 5/30–8/29	7 pm 5/31–8/30	7 pm 6/1–8/31	7 pm 6/2–9/1

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

4/20–5/25 9 am–6 pm
5/26–9/30 8 am–8 pm
10/1–11/4 9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-2751



Call 307 344-2251 three weeks ahead to arrange for a sign language interpreter at any ranger program listed in these pages.



Look for this symbol in descriptions for programs that are wheelchair accessible. A free printed guide is available at visitor centers and the park website.